

Scanning Activity - The London Underground

Author's notes

The attached resource was first used in a Level 1-2 ESOL reading class but is also suitable for adult literacy classes.

Learning objectives

- Use a map (and key) to locate information
- Find out more about the London Tube system

Differentiation and Extend this activity by

- asking students about transport systems in their own countries
- starting a discussion about London visitor attractions
- giving directions (written or spoken), e.g. how to get from Kew Gardens to Oxford Circus.

Accessibility

For a wider range of Tube maps including black & white, large print and translated versions visit Transport for London at

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/1108.aspx>

To obtain an editable version of the original Word document please send an adult basic skills resource that you would like to share to maggie@skillsworkshop.org

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Main Curriculum References

Actual references covered will depend on the learner group and level, and how the resource is used by the teacher.

Literacy (ESOL)

Rt/E3.7 (Rt/E3.7a) scan (different parts of) texts to locate information

Rt/E3.9 (Rt/E3.9a) relate an image to print and use it to obtain meaning

Rt/L1.5 Use different reading strategies to find and obtain information

(Rt/L1.5a) use skimming, scanning and detailed reading in different ways for different purposes

(Rt/L1.5b) use reference material to find information

Rt/L2.7 (Rt/L2.7a) use different reading strategies to find and obtain information, e.g. skimming, scanning, detailed reading.

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- **You will need** a current map of the Tube system in London - downloadable from <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/1106.aspx>
- First, look at the **key** and especially at the **colours** denoting the '**lines**'. Some of the colours can look very similar to one another on some maps.

These questions are to get you scanning for specific information – a station, a line, or a symbol.



Easy questions

1. On the Central line, how many stations between **Oxford Circus** and **Notting Hill Gate**?
2. On the Piccadilly line, if you get on at **Green Park**, do you go north or south to reach **Bounds Green**?
3. Which line is **Heathrow Airport** on?
4. Find a route from **Paddington** to **Highbury and Islington** where you need to change only **once**. (There are several!)
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5. Which station is at the north east end of the **District** line?
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6. From there, where would you change to get to **Regent's Park**?

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7. From there, where would you change to go to the football at

Wembley (Park)?

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8. Which line, and is it north or south to Wembley?

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9. Find some stations with **Ruislip** in the name. Which lines have some kind of '**Ruislip**' station?

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10. Is **Kew Gardens** station north or south of the river?

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11. If you live in **Shepherd's Bush**, where can you change to get to

Kew Gardens?

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A challenge!

12. What line is **Queensbury** on?

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13. **Balham** links with National Rail? True / False

14. Going north from **West Finchley**, how many stations are there to the end of the line?

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15. **Epping** links with National Rail? True / False

16. From **Parson's Green** how many stops are there to **Southfields**?

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Answers

1. On the Central line, how many stations between **Oxford Circus** and **Notting Hill Gate**? **4 stations (Queensway, Lancaster Gate, Marble Arch, Bond Street)**
2. On the Piccadilly line, if you get on at **Green Park**, do you go north or south to reach **Boundaries Green**? **North**
3. Which line is **Heathrow Airport** on? **Picadilly Line**
4. Find a route from **Paddington** to **Highbury and Islington** where you need to change only **once**. (There are several!)
Bakerloo line to Oxford Circus then Picadilly line to H&I
Bakerloo line to Picadilly Circus then Picadilly line to H&I
Circle line to King's Cross then Picadilly line to H&I
5. Which station is at the north east end of the **District** line? **Upminster**
6. From there, where would you change to get to **Regent's Park**?
Upminster to Regent's Park changing at Embankment
7. From there, where would you change to go to the football at **Wembley (Park)**?
Regent's Park to Wembley Park changing at Baker Street
8. Which line, and is it north or south to Wembley? **Metropolitan line north**
9. Find some stations with **Ruislip** in the name. Which lines have some kind of 'Ruislip' station?
West Ruislip, South Ruislip, Ruislip Gardens (all on Central line)
Ruislip and Ruislip Manor (both on Picadilly and Metropolitan lines)
10. Is **Kew Gardens** station north or south of the river?
South
11. If you live in **Shepherd's Bush**, where can you change to get to **Kew Gardens**? **Shepherd's Bush to Notting Hill on Central line, then Circle line to Gloucester Road then District line to Kew (other routes may be possible)**
12. What line is **Queensbury** on? **Jubilee line**
13. **Balham** links with National Rail? **True (Balham is on the Northern line)**
14. Going north from **West Finchley**, how many stations are there to the end of the line?
3 more stations (Northern line ends at High Barnet)
15. **Epping** links with National Rail? **False (Epping is at the east end of Central line)**
16. From **Parson's Green** how many stops are there to **Southfields**?
3 stops: Putney Bridge, East Putney, Southfields (Parson's Green is on District line)